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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JUNE 30, 2000

APPLICATION OF

EVEREST CONNECTIONS
CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA

CASE NO. PUC000073

For certificates of public
convenience and necessity to
provide facilities-based and
resold local exchange and
facilities-based interexchange
telecommunications services

FINAL ORDER

On March 22, 2000, Everest Connections Corporation of Virginia ("Everest" or "Applicant"), completed an application for certificates of public convenience and necessity with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") to provide facilities-based and resold local exchange and facilities-based interexchange telecommunications services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. Everest also requested authority to price its interexchange services on a competitive basis pursuant to § 56-481.1 of the Code of Virginia.

By Order dated April 14, 2000, the Commission directed the Applicant to provide notice to the public of its application, directed the Commission Staff to conduct an investigation and file a Staff Report, and scheduled a public hearing to receive evidence relevant to Everest's application.

On June 12, 2000, the Staff filed its Report finding that Everest's application was in compliance with the Rules Governing the Offering of Competitive Local Exchange Telephone Service ("Local Rules") and the Rules Governing the Certification of Interexchange Carriers ("IXC Rules"). Based upon its review of Everest's application, the Staff determined it would be appropriate to grant the Applicant certificates to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services subject to the following two conditions: (1) any customer deposits collected by Everest shall be retained in an unaffiliated third-party escrow account until such time as the Staff or Commission determines it is no longer necessary; and (2) Everest shall provide audited financial statements of its ultimate parent, Everest Global Technologies Group, LLC, to the Division of Economics and Finance no later than one (1) year from the effective date of its initial tariff.

A hearing was conducted on June 21, 2000. Everest filed proof of publication and proof of service as required by the April 14, 2000, Order. At the hearing, the application and accompanying attachments, and the Staff Report were entered into the record without objection.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the application and the Staff Report, finds that Everest should be granted certificates to provide local exchange and interexchange

telecommunications services. Having considered § 56-481.1, the Commission further finds that Everest may price its interexchange services competitively.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) Everest Connections Corporation is hereby granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity, No. TT-99A, to provide interexchange services subject to the restrictions set forth in the Commission's Rules Governing the Certification of Interexchange Carriers, 20 VAC 5-400-60, and the provisions of this Order.

(2) Everest Connections Corporation of Virginia is hereby granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity, No. T-492, to provide local exchange telecommunications services subject to the restrictions set forth in the Rules Governing the Offering of Competitive Local Exchange Telephone Service, 20 VAC 5-400-180, and the provisions of this Order.

(3) Should Everest collect customer deposits, it shall establish and maintain an escrow account, held by a third party, to hold such funds and shall notify the Division of Economics and Finance of the escrow arrangement. Any escrow arrangement established pursuant to this Order shall be maintained for such time as the Staff or Commission determines necessary.

(4) Everest Connections Corporation of Virginia shall provide tariffs to the Division of Communications that conform with all applicable Commission rules and regulations.

(5) Everest shall provide audited financial statements of its ultimate parent, Everest Global Technologies Group, LLC, to the Division of Economics and Finance no later than one (1) year from the effective date of the Company's initial tariff.

(6) Pursuant to § 56-481.1 of the Code of Virginia, Everest may price its interexchange services competitively.

(7) There being nothing further to come before the Commission, this case shall be dismissed and the papers filed herein placed in the file for ended causes.